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→ FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT ←

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN, AUDITOR,

— AND —

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

— FOR THE —

MUNICIPAL YEAR 1888.

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BELFAST:  
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1889.

THE WARRANT.

STATE OF MAINE.

To WM. B. SAWYER, a constable of the town of Searsport, in  
the County of Waldo, Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Searsport, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on Monday, the 11th day of March, instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2nd. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd—4th. To see if the town will accept the report of its officers as printed.
- 5th. To choose three or more Selectmen.
- 6th. To choose Assessors of Taxes.
- 7th. To choose Overseers of the Poor.
- 8th. To choose a Town Agent.
- 9th. To choose a Town Treasurer.
- 10th. To choose an Auditor of Town Accounts.
- 11th. To choose a Superintending School Committee or Supervisor.
- 12th. To choose School Agents.
- 13th—24th. To choose other town officers.
- 25th. To see if the town will continue the Free High School and how much money it will raise therefor.
- 26th. To see if the town will choose a committee of three to purchase apparatus for use in the Free High School room, and raise one hundred dollars therefor.
- 27th. To see if the town will furnish text books free in all the town schools.
- 28th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of schools.
- 29th. To see how much money the town will raise for the support of the poor, and other town expenses.
- 30th. To see how much money the town will raise to repair the highways, and whether in labor or money; and if in labor, how much to allow per hour for men, oxen and horses.

- 31st. To see how much money the town will raise to buy books for the Sears Library.
- 32nd. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to pay no bills for labor or other services so long as the parties are indebted to the town for taxes.
- 33rd. To hear the report of the Fire Department.
- 34th. To see if the town will vote to pay members of the Engine Co. and Fire Wards \$3 each — not to exceed sixty-three members; said money being payable to the Clerk of the Engine Co. in a gross sum on or before Jan. 1, 1890.
- 35th. To see if the town will vote to place a street lamp in Monument Square.
- 36th. To see if the town will expend about \$100 to build a sidewalk in road district No. 1, at the Harbor; said sidewalk to run equally in either direction from the school house in said district.
- 37th. To see if the town will raise \$50 for a Memorial service, May 30, 1889.
- 38th. To see how much discount the town will allow to those who pay their taxes on or before the first day of July next, and how much to those who pay on or before the first day of January, 1890.
- 39th. To see what discount the town will allow to those who pay their highway taxes on or before the first day of June next in cash to the surveyor.
- 40th. To see how much money the town will raise to pay discount on taxes.
- 41st. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at their office on Saturday, the 9th instant, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1889.

MARLBORO PACKARD,	} Selectmen of Searsport.
C. C. HAMILTON,	
ALFRED STINSON,	

# ✂ REPORT. ✂

## Assessors' Doings.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$416,279	
“ “ Personal Estate,	386,408	
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Total,		\$802,687
Number of Polls,	353	
Rate of Taxation,	.0173	

The following amounts were assessed on the inhabitants of Searsport and the non-residents owning real estate therein :

For support of Common Schools,	\$1,860 00
“ “ “ Free High School,	500 00
“ “ “ the poor, and other ex-	
penses,	2,500 00
“ roads and bridges,	2,500 00
“ winter breaking,	1,000 00
“ discount on taxes,	1,300 00
“ Memorial Day,	50 00

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9,710 00

For County Tax,	2,191 86
“ State “	2,892 92
“ overlay,	150 01

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14,944 79  
199 70

For supplemental tax,

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\$15,144 49

## ABATEMENTS.

On taxes of 1886,	43 54
“ “ “ 1887,	77 60
“ “ “ 1888,	140 08

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\$261 22

## Selectmen's Disbursements.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer to pay as follows :

Abatements,	261 22	
Borrowed money,	1,000 00	
Interest,	33 25	
Discount on taxes,	1,367 76	
Common schools,	2,951 79	
Free high school,	500 00	
Sears Library,	86 00	
Roads and bridges,	3,189 79	
Street lights,	83 32	
Fire department,	204 63	
Memorial service,	50 00	
Town farm,	1,007 93	
Town's poor, not on farm,	148 48	
Insanity,	408 63	
Incidentals,	499 60	
Town officers,	893 03	
	<hr/>	\$12,685 43

### BORROWED MONEY.

Borrowed of Searsport Savings Bank,	1,000 00
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### INTEREST.

Searsport N. Bank on various orders of		
1887,	13 77	
Searsport S. Bank on borrowed money,	19 48	
	<hr/>	\$33 25

### DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

J. H. Kneeland for 10 per cent. discount,	1,335 02	
" " " 5 " " "	32 74	
	<hr/>	1,367 76

## SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Underdrawn last year.	Overdrawn last year.	School Fund.	Orders drawn.	Balance underdr'n.	Balance overdr'n.
1	137 35		378 14	435 79	79 70	
2	42 69		526 00	530 30	38 39	
3, 4, 5	44 08		1000 37	1023 52	20 93	
6	10 98		101 54	112 25	27	
7	17 16		183 41	197 30	3 27	
8		5 43	229 95	228 00		3 48
9	38 45		163 08	201 45	08	
10	1 18		106 98	101 50	6 66	
11		15 52	101 21	80 68	5 01	
12	13 96		30 66	41 00	3 62	
Free high school,			500 00	500 00		
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	305 85	20 95	3321 34	3451 79	157 93	3 48
					3 48	
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Balance due the districts,					154 45	

## SEARS' LIBRARY.

Ada E. Ridley for services as librarian to April 4, 1888,	\$25 00
Ada E. Ridley for repairs on books,	3 00
Phineas Libby for binding books,	8 00
Phineas Pendleton for rent of room,	50 00
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	86 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

No. of District.	Breaking.	Labor & Material.	Total.
1	\$34 42	\$105 07	\$139 49
2	15 70	55 32	71 02
3	98 91	477 98	576 89
4	80 98	198 80	279 78
5	32 59	84 90	117 49
6	19 88	68 64	88 52

No. of District.	Breaking.	Labor & Material.	Total.
7	33 35	63 30	96 65
8	14 50	35 70	50 20
9	21 95	62 29	84 24
10	36 90	74 45	111 35
11	60 00	55 91	115 91
12	63 55	39 50	103 05
13	50 29	75 60	125 89
14	28 81	63 82	92 63
15	26 89	24 42	51 31
16	44 54	28 10	72 64
17	21 30	49 27	70 57
18	51 40	78 55	129 95
19	39 73	49 65	89 38
20	30 35	46 23	76 58
21	60 72	49 40	110 12
22	58 05	112 43	170 48
23	25 05	51 35	76 40
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	\$949 86	\$1,950 68	\$2,900 54

J. E. Marden for building Dodge Brook bridge as per contract,	125 00
Levi Trundy for plank and boards for sidewalks,	115 55
M. Packard for cedar for sidewalks, &c.,	11 50
A. T. Quimby & Co. for nails for sidewalks, &c.,	2 54
C. O. Sawyer & Co. " " " " "	5 06
Geo. Tyler & Co. for points and section for road mch.,	12 00
Geo. W. Young for moving road machine in shed in '87,	1 00
J. B. Ames for iron work on road machine, &c.	4 60
Alvin B. West for use of watering trough,	3 00
E. W. Seavey " " " " "	3 00
Jona. S. Nickerson for use of watering trough for 1887 and 1888,	6 00
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	3,189 79



## STREET LIGHTS.

A. H. Ellis for oil, chimneys, &c.,	\$4 58	
W. A. Wood & Co. for oil,	23 24	
G. W. Young for tending lights,	55 50	
	<hr/>	\$83 32

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. O. Sawyer, Clerk, as per vote of town,	\$189 00	
" " " " for furnishing,	11 67	
W. B. Sawyer, for labor on Engine House,	2 50	
A. T. Quimby & Co., for hardware for Engine House,	1 46	
	<hr/>	\$204 63

## MEMORIAL SERVICE.

E. J. Wentworth, Q. M. of Freeman McGilvery		
Post, as per vote of town,		\$50 00

## TOWN FARM.

Store bills,	\$485 16	
Labor,	25 00	
Grass seed and fertilizer,	28 47	
J. Fred Towle for cow,	32 50	
S. G. Otis for boar,	11 00	
L. M. Kneeland for horse,	150 00	
" " " " 2 wagons,	80 00	
" " " " harnesses,	35 00	
" " " " 2 tons hay,	18 00	
L. A. Knowlton for Climax harrow,	30 00	
L. M. Kneeland for balance of farm account		
from March 1 to April 1, 1888,	5 25	
L. M. Kneeland for services as overseer		
from Jan. 1 to April 1, 1888,	87 50	
W. T. Cochran for services as overseer to		
Jan. 1, 1889,	20 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,007 93

Rec'd from W. T. Cochran for horse sold,	150 00	
“ “ C. C. Hamilton “ cow “	30 00	
“ “ N. Littlefield “ “ “	25 00	
“ “ John Ladd for hay sold,	10 00	
“ “ A. E. Nickerson for hay sold,	16 23	
	<hr/>	231 23

Balance against the farm, \$776 70

In addition to the regular expenses of the farm, we have bought the past year, two wagons, a sled, a climax harrow and a set of harnesses at a cost of \$160.

The Superintendent's account stands as follows:

Received from sale of butter,	\$180 76	
“ “ “ “ eggs,	40 57	
“ “ “ “ two cows,	45 00	
“ “ “ “ calves,	32 00	
“ “ “ “ beef,	10 50	
“ “ “ “ cow's hide,	2 60	
“ “ “ “ pork,	61 51	
“ “ “ “ pigs,	75 50	
“ “ “ “ ham,	1 75	
“ “ “ “ chickens,	2 33	
“ “ “ “ turnips,	9 75	
	<hr/>	\$462 27

Paid store bills,	276 74	
“ for blacksmithing,	10 51	
“ “ labor,	42 87	
“ “ lumber,	14 08	
“ “ pasturing,	10 00	
“ “ stock animals,	5 00	
“ “ horse hire in haying, &c.,	19 50	
“ “ horse sled,	15 00	
“ “ hay,	7 52	
“ “ clothing and ticket to J. A. Devine,	6 35	
“ Mrs. Smith, cash and ticket,	5 00	
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		\$49 70

Amount allowed by W. T. Cochran, Superintendent, in settling for services to Jan. 1, 1889,	54 95
Less amount paid L. M. Kneeland, former Superintendent, to settle farm account from March 1 to April 1, 1888,	5 25

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 49 70

## Inventory of Stock, Produce, &amp;c., Feb. 23, 1889.

4 cows,	\$120 00
2 thee-year-old heifers,	50 00
2 two-year-old steers,	40 00
1 " " " heifer,	18 00
1 yearling heifer,	10 00
1 calf,	6 00
4 hogs,	60 00
2 shoats,	15 00
3 " "	15 00
45 hens,	15 00
18 tons hay,	216 00
2 1-2 tons straw,	15 00
110 bush. oats,	44 00
1 1-2 bush. beans,	4 50
30 bush. potatoes,	12 00
10 " corn,	5 20
1 bag shorts,	1 85
1 " cottonseed meal,	1 40
1 1-2 bbls. pork,	25 00
1-2 bbl. flour,	3 00
80 lbs. ham,	8 00
35 " lard,	3 50
80 " beef,	4 00
20 " butter,	5 00
10 dz. eggs,	1 50
1 disk harrow,	25 00
1 truck wagon,	35 00
1 grocery wagon,	25 00
1 sled,	10 00
Harnesses,	25 00

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 \$818 95

## NAME OF PERSONS SUPPORTED ON THE FARM.

Fred Carr,  
John Park,  
Clarence Smith,  
Elmer Smith.

## TOWN'S POOR, NOT ON FARM.

Olive and Wash. Bowen, supplied in Belfast,	10 21	
Herman H. Davis, supplied in Rockland,	7 17	
L. A. Furbush, house rent,	13 00	
Mrs. Greenleaf, supplied in La Grange,	58 60	
Joseph Massure, " " Winterport,	18 50	
Sarah Peirce, burial expenses,	16 00	
Dr. E. Hopkins for services as town physician to Apr. 1, '89,	25 00	
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## INSANITY.

Support of James C. Hanson at hospital,	147 31	
" " Addison Warren " "	135 59	
" " Axel Williams " "	125 73	
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## INCIDENTALS.

Printing town reports and blanks for 1887,	25 00	
Town books,	6 70	
Stationery, express, registering letters, &c.,	15 25	
M. Packard for wood for office and library,		
1887,	5 00	
M. Packard for wood for office, 1888,	3 50	
Clement & Adams for curtains for office,	2 61	
W. V. Nichols for rent of office to July 12, '88,	31 95	
E. C. Morris for safe for office,	192 60	
J. Field for freight on safe and road machine		
points,	7 65	
M. Packard and others for labor putting safe		
into office, &c.,	15 04	

Keating & Field for insurance on town farm buildings,	34 00
Levi Trundy for platform for hearse house,	5 02
M. F. Whitcomb for labor around monument and repairs on hearse house,	2 00
L. H. Rogers for repairs on monument and hitching posts,	1 50
Dr. Hopkins for services as health officer,	10 00
D. E. Richards for services by order of Board of Health,	3 00
Dr. Davis for surgical attendance on tramp,	7 50
W. Grinnell & Son for putting up tramps at hotel,	4 50
Newell Shute for horse hire,	6 75
W. H. Fogler for services in Clam case March 3,	10 40
F. E. Whitcomb for services as Fish and Game Warden,	14 80
Geo. F. Smith for exchanging school books,	7 50
H. Hume for school books,	29 66
J. H. Kneeland in settlement of taxes of 1886, except taxes of J. T. Carver and R. G. Waterhouse,	37 67
W. T. C. Runnells for eight days' services examining text books for schools in 1887, according to appointment of town,	10 00
Dr. F. A. Davis for eight days' services examining text books for schools in 1887, according to appointment of town,	10 00

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 499 60

## TOWN OFFICERS.

J. H. Sullivan for services as Moderator,	3 00
W. B. Sawyer " " " Constable,	10 00
Joseph Field " " " Clerk,	25 00

J. H. Kneeland for balance of commissions for collecting taxes of 1886,	30 12	
J. H. Kneeland in part for collecting taxes of 1887,	200 00	
E. B. Sheldon for services as Treasurer,	60 00	
J. W. Brock " " " Supervisor,	91 00	
A. F. Sweetser " " " " in 1887,	97 91	
M. Packard for services as Selectman, &c.,	175 00	
C. C. Hamilton " " " "	110 00	
Alfred Stinson " " " "	85 00	
J. A. Colson " " Auditor,	6 00	
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### Collector's and Treasurer's Doings.

On settlement with J. H. Kneeland, Collector for the years 1884-5-6-7-8, we find his account to stand as follows :

Balance due the town March 1, '88,	1,675 67	
Amount of State tax assessment,	2,892 92	
" " County tax assessment,	2,191 86	
" " Town " "	9,860 01	
" " Supplemental tax assessment,	199 70	
	<hr/>	\$16,820 16
Paid E. B. Sheldon, Treasurer,		15,035 04
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		\$1,785 12

This balance consists of the following uncollected taxes :

R. G. Waterhouse's tax for '84,	37 64	
" " " " " '85,	36 01	
" " " " " '86,	32 95	
Jesse T. Carver's " " '86,	198 74	
Uncollected taxes for '87,	285 38	
" " " " '88,	1,194 40	
	<hr/>	1,785 12

On settlement with E. B. Sheldon, Treasurer, we find his account to stand as follows :

### RECEIPTS.

Balance due the town March 1, 1888,	\$111 28
Money hired of Savings Bank for town's use,	1,000 00
John Ladd for hay from Town Farm,	10 00
N. Littlefield for cow from Town Farm,	25 00
C. C. Hamilton for cow from Town Farm,	30 00
George F. Smith for school books sold,	66 94
M. Packard for oil sold,	6 07
A. E. Nickerson for hay sold from Town Farm,	16 23
Taxes of '86 from J. H. Kneeland,	427 47
“ “ '87 “ “ “ “	657 48
“ “ '88 “ “ “ “	13,950
Mill Tax and School Fund for '88,	974 10
R. R. and Telegraph Scrip “ “	269 79
Free High School “ “ “	125 00
State Pension Scrip for '88,	156 00
	<hr/> \$17,825 45

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Town orders of '87,	\$934 27
“ “ “ '88,	11,475 40
County tax “ “	2,191 86
State “ “ “	2,892 92
State Pensions,	156 00
	<hr/> \$17,650 45

Balance due the town March 1, 1889,	\$175 00
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## Assets.

Due from J. W. Smart (worthless)	\$35 55	
School books in the hands of G. F. Smith,	98 49	
Due from J. H. Kneeland as Collector,		
(less about \$207 for collecting,)	1,785 12	
Due from E. B. Sheldon as Treasurer,	175 00	
"   "   the State for Free High School,	125 00	
	—————	\$2,219 16

## Liabilities.

Due the several school districts,	\$154 45	
Outstanding orders of 1888,	1,210 03	
	—————	\$1,364 48
		—————
Balance to the town's credit,		\$854 68

We would respectfully recommend that the town raise for the ensuing year — for schools, \$2000; for a free high school, \$500; for the Sears Library, \$100; for the poor and other town expenses, \$2500; and for the highways \$2500 in money.

Respectfully submitted,

MAREBORO PACKARD,	} Selectmen of Searsport.
C. C. HAMILTON,	
ALFRED STINSON.	

I have examined the above accounts and vouchers and re-cast the bills, and find all correct, and believe the foregoing report to represent the true financial condition of the town at the present time.

JAMES A COLSON,

AUDITOR OF TOWN ACCOUNTS.



# ✕ REPORT ✕

—OF THE—

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

—OF THE—

### TOWN OF SEARSPORT,

For the Year Ending March, 1889.

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*To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Searsport:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the school laws of this State, I herewith submit to you my report for the year beginning March, 1888, and closing March, 1889.

While I say in general terms that our schools on the whole are in healthy and prosperous condition, that the teachers have all been faithful and labored to the extent of their ability, for the advancement of the scholars, it is proper also to remark that neither our past nor present condition is a just standard of comparison. The best results can only be reached by teacher, scholar and parents working in unison, and instead of finding fault visit the schools and see what your children are doing. I believe it would encourage the teacher to better work, and also inspire the scholars to greater effort. Some complaint of scholars idling away their time, about the streets and fields, when schools were in session, has come to my notice, but too late in the year for me to take action in the matter. I would suggest as a remedy that some person or persons be appointed Truant Officer. If all are obliged to help maintain schools, then all of legal school age should be obliged to attend. One other thing I wish to call your attention to, that each school-room should be supplied with suitable apparatus to illustrate the branches taught. Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 8 should each have a set of Primary Reading Charts and the High school-room should be supplied with Physiological Charts and Philosophical apparatus.

I will speak now of the schools of the several districts, basing my opinions on their work from personal observations and examinations of their Registers returned by the several teachers.

District No. 1 (Harbor District.)

James R. Park, Agent. Number of scholars in district, 74.

Whole number attending Spring term,	48
Average " " " "	46
Whole " " Fall "	45
Average " " " "	40
Whole " " Winter "	37
Average " " " "	34

All three terms of this school taught by Miss Amanda K. Mathews, who is a person of good teaching power. This is one of the largest and perhaps hardest schools in town, from the fact all grades from the Primer to High English are taught.

District No. 2 (Nichols District.)

Daniel Mitchell, Agent. Number of scholars in district, 100.

Whole number attending Grammar Spring term,	20
Average " " " "	15
Whole " " Primary " "	27
Average " " " "	23
Whole " " Grammar Fall "	18
Average " " " "	14
Whole " " Primary " "	28
Average " " " "	22
Whole " " Grammar Winter "	19
Average " " " "	17
Whole " " Primary " "	18
Average " " " "	13

The three terms of Primary were taught by Miss Blanche T. Nickels. This was Miss Nickels first attempt, but the work did credit to both teacher and scholars. Spring and Fall terms of Grammar taught by Miss Mary N. McClure who has tact as well as ability and knows how to interest and direct her pupils. Mr. Clifton A. Snell, who had charge of the winter term, succeeded well, school showing a marked improvement.

District 3, 4 and 5, (Union District.)

John Putnam, Agent. Number of scholars in district, 225.

Whole number attending High School, Spring term,	52
Average " " " " " "	44

Whole number attending Intermediate spring term,						28
Average	"	"	"	"	"	25
Whole	"	"	1st Primary	"	"	25
Average	"	"	"	"	"	20
Whole	"	"	2nd Primary	"	"	21
Average	"	"	"	"	"	17
Whole	"	"	3rd Primary	"	"	6
Average	"	"	"	"	"	4
Whole	"	"	High School Fall	"	"	49
Average	"	"	"	"	"	42
Whole	"	"	Intermediate	"	"	33
Average	"	"	"	"	"	32
Whole	"	"	1st Primary	"	"	30
Average	"	"	"	"	"	28
Whole	"	"	3rd Primary	"	"	7
Average	"	"	"	"	"	6
Whole	"	"	High School Winter	"	"	54
Average	"	"	"	"	"	47
Whole	"	"	Intermediate	"	"	31
Average	"	"	"	"	"	30
Whole	"	"	1st Primary	"	"	30
Average	"	"	"	"	"	26

The three terms of High School were taught by A. J. Pitman, assisted by Miss Margaret B. Sweetser, the spring and fall terms being the Free High School. The discipline of this school was good and the interest and proficiency of the scholars warrant commendation. The course of study pursued as prescribed by the District Committee was followed as nearly as possible, one scholar completing the course at the end of the winter term. This school should be provided with better apparatus, then better work can be done.

Miss Emma Mortland had charge of the Intermediate during the year. She maintained fully her former reputation as a live, energetic and faithful instructor, nine scholars passing examination to advance them to the High School at the end of the winter term.

First Primary spring term taught by Miss Caroline Nickels, the fall and winter terms by Mrs. Mary Perkins. The work progressed well under both teachers. The Second Primary had only one term for the year, taught by Mrs. Mary Perkins, the scholars of this school attending the First

Primary during the fall and winter terms. Third Primary had two terms, spring and fall, both terms taught by Miss Lida Curtis. This school, though very small, did good work. Some of the scholars of this school attended the First Primary in the winter.

District No. 6 (Sargent District.)

Wm. P. Sargent, Agent. Whole number scholars in district, 14.

Whole number attending spring term,	7
Average " " " "	6
Whole " " Fall "	9
Average " " " "	8

The spring term taught by Miss Aldie Sargent and the fall term by Miss Rosa M. Abbott, both terms showing thorough work and good order.

District No. 7 (Porter District.)

George Bowen, Agent. Whole number scholars in district, 30.

Whole number attending spring term,	15
Average " " " "	13
Whole " " fall "	16
Average " " " "	13
Whole " " winter "	18
Average " " " "	17

Miss Susie E. Gould had charge of this school through the year, and under her discipline marked advancement was made. This district appreciates the efforts of an efficient teacher.

District No. 8 (Matthews District.)

Wm. M. Merithew, Agent. Whole number scholars in district, 45.

Whole number attending spring term,	23
Average " " " "	20
Whole " " fall "	27
Average " " " "	22
Whole " " winter "	29
Average " " " "	24

The spring and fall terms taught by Miss Mary E. Stevens, who has had charge of this school several terms before, success attending her work. Mr. Scott Nickerson taught the winter term. Although having had but little previous experience, yet he labored hard for the best good of the school.

District No. 9 (N. Searsport District.)

George C. Seavey, Agent. Whole number scholars in district, 28.

Whole number attending spring term,	18
Average " " " "	15

Whole number attending fall term,	16
Average " " " "	14
Whole " " winter "	20
Average " " " "	17

The spring term, taught by Miss Emma L. Hardy, seemed to lack energy, which is requisite for good results. Fall term by Miss Datie Matthews, who is methodical and has the ability to direct, gave general satisfaction. Winter term by Mr. Horace Marden, whose work is worthy of commendation.

#### District No. 10 (Dodge District.)

J. M. Nickerson, Agent. Whole number of scholars in district, 19.

Whole number attending spring term,	15
Average " " " "	12
Whole " " fall "	15
Average " " " "	13

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Nettie B. Clark, who tried hard to make the school profitable, and I think succeeded in doing so.

#### District No. 11 (Roulstone District.)

Frank Mortland, Agent. Whole number of scholars in district, 11.

Whole number attending winter term,	9
Average " " " "	8

This district had only one term for the year, but was fortunate in securing Miss Staples who is a teacher of experience and did faithful work.

#### District No. 12.

S. Richards, Agent. Number of scholars, 6.

This school is in charge of Belfast officials.

The whole number of scholars in town April 1, 1888, was 554, or 12 less than in 1887.

The town raised for the support of schools \$1860, an average of \$3.36 per scholar, and also \$500 for Free High School. The number of terms of school 35 and the whole number of weeks 339, making the average length of the school terms 9 weeks and 3 days. Of the teachers employed, 9 of the 13 in the spring terms, 8 of the 12 in the fall terms, and 5 of the 10 in the winter terms belong in town. The average wages of female teachers was \$4.18 per week, and of male teachers \$40 per month.

The whole number of different scholars attending both terms of the Free High School was 58. Average 43.

Whole number in Reading,	40
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	53
“ “ “ Grammar,	30
“ “ “ Natural Sciences,	23
“ “ “ Book-keeping,	23

New books introduced into the High School : Andrew's Manual of the Constitution ; Kellogg's Rhetoric ; Steele's New Descriptive Astronomy ; and New Plain Geometry ; and Harper's Writing Books into the other schools.

I would recommend that the town appropriate the same amount for schools as last year, and also that the town furnish the Free High School with suitable apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,

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# COURSE OF STUDY

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# SEARSPORT HIGH SCHOOL.

	SPRING TERM.	FALL TERM.	WINTER TERM.
FIRST YEAR.	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar. Geography. Hist'y United States. Reading.
SECOND YEAR.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Book-Keeping. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Book-Keeping. Reading.	Arithmetic. Grammar and Analysis. Physiology. Reading.
THIRD YEAR.	Algebra. Composition and Rhetoric. Botany. Physiology.	Algebra. Composition and Rhetoric. Physics. Physiology.	Algebra. Civil Government. Physics. Hist. Eng.
FOURTH YEAR.	Algebra. Civil Government. Physical Geography. Hist. Eng.	Geometry. Astronomy. Physical Geography. Hist. Eng.	Geometry. Astronomy. Arithmetic (review).

**Spelling Exercises, Declamations, and Compositions  
throughout the whole course.**